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1. H.J. (BILL) BHENGU (58), A WELL-KNOWN DURBAN LAWYER AND MEMBER OF INKATHA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WAS DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE SECURITY POLICE. (N.B. H.J. BHENGU SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH DR. SIBUSISO BENGU, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF INKATHA AND A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF CHIEF BUTHELEZI.) BHENGU IS ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF BLACK ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (BCP) UNTIL ITS BANNING LAST OCTOBER. AS ONE OF NINE MEMBERS OF INKATHA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR "POLITICAL,  
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CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS", THOUGH HE HAS OF LATE BEEN OUT OF FAVOR WITH CHIEF BUTHELEZI. HE IS THE ONLY SENIOR INKATHA OFFICIAL TO BE DETAINED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED IN 1975. ACCORDING TO BHENGU'S DAUGHTER, POLICE STATED HE ONLY WOULD BE HELD FOR 48 HOURS, BUT WAS STILL IN CUSTODY APRIL 3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS SPECULATION AS TO THE REASONS FOR HIS DETENTION. WE CAN POSTULATE THREE

POSSIBLE MOTIVES, HOWEVER, INCLUDING HIS FORMER ROLE IN BCP, HIS INKATHA ROLE AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BANNED FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BCP, BENNIE KHOAPA, WHO FLED TO LESOTHO APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS BEFORE BHENGU WAS DETAINED (SEPTTEL). IN POST'S VIEW, COINCIDENCE OF DETENTION WITH KHOAPA'S FLIGHT PROBABLY OFFERS BEST INDICATOR OF SAG MOTIVES RE BHENGU'S ARREST.

2. H.J. BHENGU IS THE FATHER OF MS. SIBONGILE BHENGU, WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF RECENT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS.

3. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, WISEMAN KHUZWAYO (23), A DURBAN "DAILY NEWS" REPORTER AND FORMER DETAINEE WHO WAS RELEASED BY THE SECURITY POLICE FEBRUARY 21 (REFAIR), FLED SOUTH AFRICA THE WEEK OF MARCH 27. KHUZWAYO WAS A FORMER ZULULAND UNIVERSITY STUDENT ACQUITTED LAST YEAR WITH NINETEEN OTHER STUDENTS OF CHARGES OF ARSON AND PUBLIC VIOLENCE DURING A JUNE 1976 "SOLIDARITY WITH SOWETO" CAMPUS RIOT. AFTER HIS ACQUITTAL HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE "DAILY NEWS" BUT WORKED ONLY ONE MONTH BEFORE HIS NOVEMBER 21 DETENTION UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE TERRORISM ACT. ANOTHER "DAILY NEWS" REPORTER TOLD POST KHUZWAYO WAS HEADED FOR LONDON TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES AND, HE IMPLIED, TO WORK FOR THE ANC.

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